

South Melbourne Soccer Club



Annual Ball & Awards Ceremony

SATURDAY, 29 JUNE 1996

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President's Message

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of my Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the South Melbourne Soccer Club 1996 Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony.

This year, just like those past, we gather to honour the people who continue to build South Melbourne's reputation as one of Australia's great sporting clubs and to reflect on another year of achievement and progress.

Tonight's function marks the culmination of a truly eventful year for South Melbourne – one of fluctuating fortunes and bitter-sweet memories in which the character of members, supporters, sponsors, players and officials was put to the test. On a brighter note for the season was the addition of the Dockerty Cup and the Johnnie Walker Cup silverware.

Sunday, November 26, 1995 marked the coming of age of the South Melbourne Soccer Club, with the historic opening of our magnificent new home – the Bob Jane Stadium in the presence of Premier Jeff Kennett, other dignitaries and more than 14,000 of the best supporters in the country.

And while this represents a fantastic beginning, my colleagues on the Board of Directors are committed to further developing the Bob Jane Stadium so our supporters and corporate sponsors continue to enjoy the facilities of the finest purpose-built soccer complex in the land.

Much has been said about our fortunes in the playing arena, with last season's results falling below the club's high standards. What is certain, however, is that South Melbourne has assembled some of the finest young talent available, and with the forthcoming addition of some of Australia's more established stars, the club is set to once again take its rightful place among the Ericsson Cup's front-runners.

The coming twelve months are gearing up as one of the most exciting periods in the club's proud history. Some of our major initiatives include the unveiling of a new merchandising logo to complement the existing club emblem and the announcement of a lucrative sponsorship deal with our kit suppliers, Puma Australia. In addition, the launch of the Champions Sportsbar will add to the splendid facility we are housed in tonight to provide South Melbourne supporters with the best social club and functions facility of any sporting club in the country.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to those individuals and corporations which continue to support the South Melbourne Soccer Club, and in particular, Mr George Kotses of Southern Motors, Messrs Bill and Bob Jane of Bob Jane T-Marts, Mr. Warwick Mitchell and Mr John Forbes of Puma Australia and every other sponsor at the Club as mentioned in the programme.

Finally, I wish to extend my gratitude to all the electronic and print media for their incredible support during 1995/96 and my Board of Directors for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

I trust you'll enjoy our hospitality this evening and look forward to sharing a successful 1996/97 season with you.

GEORGE VASILOPOULOS
PRESIDENT

South Melbourne Soccer Club



TEAM 1996

Back Row: George Kotses (Managing Director, Southern Motors), Frank Arok (Manager/Coach), Mike Petersen, Daniel Allsop, Aleksander Kuzmanovic, Ivan Kelic, Mike Lilikakis, Con Blatsis, Dean Anastasiadis, Steve Mangos, Aleksander Duric, Angie Postecoglou (Assistant Coach), Peter Georgilopoulos (physiotherapist), George Vasilopoulos (President).

Front Row: Vaughan Coveny, Bill Damianos, Steve Panopoulos, Craig Lewis, Con Anthopoulos, Paul Trimboli (Captain), Sasa Nikolic, Michael Curcija, Agim Sherifovski, Tansel Baser, Nick Papadopoulos.

Senior Squad List 1995/96

Paul Trimboli (*Captain*)
Daniel Allsopp
Dean Anastasiadis
Con Anthopoulos
Tansel Baser
Con Blatsis
Vaughan Coveny
Michael Curcija
Bill Damianos
John-Paul Knezevic
Craig Lewis

Kevin Muscat
Sasa Nikolic
Nick Orlic
Steve Panopoulos
Michael Petersen
Michael Petkovic
Agim Sherifovski
Michael Valkanis
Ivan Kelic
Aleksandar Kuzmanovic

Manager/Coach:-
Assistant Coach:-

Frank Arok
Angie Postecoglou

Theo Marmaras Player of the Year Award

Mr Theo Marmaras MBE is the father of South Melbourne Hellas Soccer Club.

Mr Marmaras initiated the merger between Yarra Park and Hellenic United in 1959, giving rise to one of Australia's great soccer clubs. He served as inaugural club president from 1959 to 1971.

The member of South Melbourne's senior playing squad judged to be player of the year will be awarded the Theo Marmaras Award.

Past Award Winners

1995	Mike Petersen	1990	Mehmet Durakovic
1994	Steve Tasios	1989	Steve Blair/Paul Trimboli
1993	Paul Wade	1988	Paul Trimboli
1992	Mehmet Durakovic/Paul Trimboli	1987	Steve Blair
1991	Steve Blair	1986	Bobby Russell

1996 Award Winners

Player of the Year

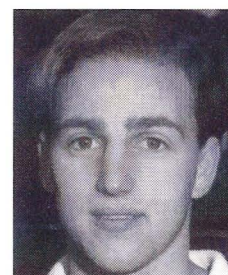
Most Improved Player

Rising Star Award

Top Goal Scorer

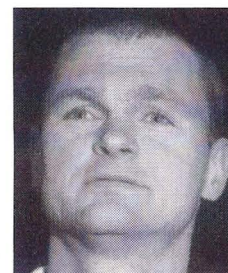
Nominees for the...

Theo Marmaras Player of the Year Award



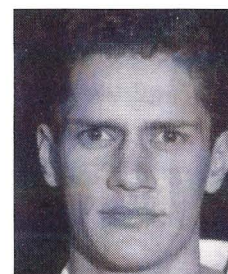
Paul Trimboli

Age:- 27
Games:- 270
Position:- Midfielder/Forward
Height:- 173 cm
Weight:- 74 kg
Shirt No.:- 9



Michael Petersen

Age:- 31
Games:- 331
Position:- Midfielder
Height:- 182 cm
Weight:- 82 kg
Shirt No.:- 14



Vaughan Coveny

Age:- 26
Games:- 111
Position:- Striker
Height:- 192 cm
Weight:- 85 kg
Shirt No.:- 8

Autographs

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